



MONDAY EVENING, FEB. 7, 1910.

The Virginia session in Richmond assembled—on at least one branch of them—the senate—last week unanimously passed a bill, which if it should pass the House and become a law will make divorce in Virginia as easy as it is in South Dakota, a turn the state into a wide-open divorce resort and practically put a premium upon adultery. The bill amends the divorce laws so as to make it possible for either of the parties to a suit for separation to secure an absolute decree of divorce at the expiration of three years. Formerly and properly only the aggrieved party could petition for the final decree. It is said, in excuse, that the bill was passed without the senators knowing its full purport. If this is true they are as ignorant as the people and cannot intelligently represent their constituents, but if it is not true they willfully voted for such a measure they are knaves and should be turned out. The worst feature of the case is that a man, so strong as to be regarded as fact, connects the name of "a very rich young Virginian" with being the man for whose sole benefit the bill was introduced. This man, it is said, is a noted horseman, well known in northern Virginia and has been separated from his wife for years. In fact, she sued him for an involuntary divorce several years ago, and now seeks alimony. But she will not ask for the absolute decree, and under the present law, the husband cannot, for that privilege accrues only to the party aggrieved. Now, should the lower house pass the bill and the governor sign it, the husband can secure his absolute divorce. The case resembles very much the Florida bill passed by the Florida legislature and repealed at a special session so indignant did the Florida people become at its passage. The name of the man is withheld, but it should be made public. One of the strongest lobbies ever in the halls of the legislature is working for the passage of the bill which of course secures a reflection upon all of its advocates. When money becomes so potent in Virginia that it can secure the passage of any such iniquitous measure as a wide-open divorce law then it is time for the legislature to adjourn quick and stay adjourned. Divorces are too easy at present and too many men and women are prone to violate their marriage vows while the scriptural injunction that whoever shall put away his wife saving for the cause of fornication causes her to commit adultery and whoever shall marry her that is divorced causes her to commit adultery; also that those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder. Senator Tillman during a legal proceeding in his state last week said he thanked God there was no divorce law in South Carolina.

PRESIDENT TAFT is quoted as expressing doubt as to the propriety of permitting Senator Aldrich to turn the proposed investigation of the high cost of living into a political performance to shield the Aldrich tariff bill from criticism and condemnation. He has told congressional visitors that the investigation should be thorough and free from manipulation. He has expressed doubt, also, whether any other kind of an inquiry can avert disaster to results to the republican party, but not, notwithstanding this, it is dollars to doughnuts that the investigation will be conducted, if conducted at all, according to the sweet will of Senator Aldrich.

THAT the big express companies have a "yellow dog fund" which is used for influencing legislation is the startling allegation of James MacInnis, a Minneapolis lawyer, who is attorney for State Senator Sandberg, of Kennedy, Minn., the complainant in the inquiry now being conducted in New York city by Frank Lyons, representing the Interstate Commerce Commission. If these companies did a fair and honest business they would have no need for the "yellow dog fund" and people who are compelled to ship by express would not be mulcted as they now are.

LACKING the means, as he states, to maintain the personal political organization essential to success, Senator Flint, of California, announced on Saturday that he would not be a candidate for reelection to the Senate. It seems now that in the north and west only millionaires can pay the entrance price to the Senate, and the thing is spreading.

REPORTS come from Richmond that ex Governor Shannon will be a candidate for reelection to his former position, three years hence; that Mr. H. S. George Tucker and Mr. Carter Glass will also be candidates for that position and that Mr. Henry Stuart will oppose Senator Martin eighteen months hence. This is politics at long range.

ALLEGING that her husband is an inveterate smoker, Mrs. Rosalie A. Copeland, 62 years old, at Suffolk, on Saturday

day instituted action for divorce against Timothy Quinlan Copeland, aged about 70. Wao is now safe from a divorce suit.

CHAIRMAN BULL, of the House committee on military affairs, says Congress will not heed the general staff's appeal for a larger army. It is to be hoped not. Sensible people should not be scared by the "general staff," whose object seems to be to make this country the military powers abroad and support a large standing army. Should this country become involved in war a volunteer army would spring into existence instantly.

From Washington.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)
Washington, February 7.
Gen. Leonard Wood, commanding the department of the east, is in Baltimore at Johns Hopkins University for the purpose of having an examination made of an old injury to his head.

President Taft signed and promulgated the proclamation according to German minimum tariff rates after March 31. The proclamation does not apply to German East Africa and other colonies of the German Empire. The question of the minimum tariff with regard to these colonies has not yet been determined because of the lack of sufficient data. The tariff board in conjunction with the State Department will determine later whether the colonies ought to receive the same rates as the empire.

The timely visit of Mrs. Maud E. Glavin, wife of Secretary Billings' chief assessor, and defendant in divorce proceedings in the west, to Washington, while the Billings-Pinchot investigation is on, is puzzling the interested spectators. Mrs. Glavin today said that she intended fighting the suit brought by her husband, and she took occasion to promise sensational developments within a few days. "Of course I wish to avoid this matter has begun. I intended to see it through, and the public will hear something within a few days that will be a great surprise," Glavin said.

While Joseph Auld, father of the principal in the now famous naval case, awaits in Washington today the announcement of the verdict of the court martial which tried his son in Boston, he is planning, in the event of an adverse decision, to appeal the case from the naval to the civil tribunals. Although no official announcement has been made the impression has become general that the verdict, now in the hands of Judge Advocate General Russell, finds Paymaster Auld guilty on two of the charges of "assaulting a civilian," and "conduct unbecoming an officer."

"I will not hesitate to carry the case to the United States Supreme Court," said the senior Auld today. "If I think my son is the victim of injustice."

President Taft will wear the green on St. Patrick's day with the Irish Fellowship Club, of Chicago. The invitation of the Fellowship Club, extended some time ago, was definitely accepted today. It is possible that the president on his visit to Chicago may take in Albany and Rochester, N. Y.

Fire cost the people of the United States \$456,485,000 in the year 1907 and caused the death of 1,449 persons and resulted in injuries to 5,654 others. These are the statistics included in a report issued today by the U. S. Geological Survey entitled "The Fire Tax and Waste of Structural Materials." The enormous total of fire loss is figured to include the excess cost of fire protection due to bad construction and excessive insurance premiums paid. It does not include the forest fires. The predominance of frame buildings is the primary cause, the report states, of fire loss, with defective construction and faulty equipment second. The fire loss of over a million a day is eight times as much as that of any European country.

The proposed congressional investigation into the high cost of living was discussed by the House committee on rules today but no official action was taken as neither political party had a majority present. Smith was absent, and Mr. Smith republican, been present the Payne resolution for the congressional investigation would have been reported.

Mr. Edwin A. Halsey, assistant secretary of the Senate press gallery and who was recently appointed by Gov. Mann, of Virginia, a colonel on his staff, was today presented by the Washington newspaper correspondents with a handsome sword. Mr. Halsey was keenly surprised, but made a happy response to the presentation.

Fernie Swindler Arrested

Dorby, England, Feb. 7.—Violet Charlesworth, the heroine of one of the greatest alleged frauds ever manipulated in England, was arrested here today, with her mother, charged with fraud. In 1909, she was the "victim" of an imaginary automobile accident and was supposed to have perished by being thrown over a high cliff when her automobile crashed into a wall at the brink of the chasm. It later developed that the entire accident was a fake.

Wanted to Kill the President.

Woburn, Mass., Feb. 7.—Declaring that he had killed President Taft, a big six-foot Lett, who is known as Gardner, because no one can pronounce his real name, is a cell here and will be examined as to his sanity today. Gardner's downfall came when he announced his purpose of killing the president right in front of the police station here. With a big gun and a knife he shrieked: "Let me go! Let me go! I've got to kill President Taft!" He is believed to be insane.

Sixty-first Congress.

(Second Session.)
Washington, Feb. 7.
SENATE.

The constitutionality of the proposed legislation establishing a system of postal savings banks was discussed by Senator Rayner today. He declared that it was not authorized by the constitution.

The administration's federal incorporation bill was introduced by Senator Clark (rep., Wyo.). He offered it in the usual way and did not say it was prepared by Attorney General Wickersham. It was referred to the judiciary committee.

Senator Newlands said the bill clearly should go to the committee on interstate commerce and moved its reference to that committee.

Senator Clark said constitutional questions were involved and urged its consideration by the judiciary committee.

Senator Newlands objected to the second reading of the bill, and it will lie on the table until tomorrow when the question of reference will be determined.

The matter of paper for the government printing office came up when the judiciary committee was instructed to advise the joint committee on printing as to what action it should take.

The Valley Paper Company obtained a writ from the local courts here requiring the joint committee to appear in court February 11 and show cause why a writ of mandamus should not issue compelling the committee to award the contract to the Valley Paper Company, instead of another firm already designated.

A bill providing for American representation and two international exhibitions to be held at Rome and Turin was introduced by Senator Cullom.

Information from the Interstate Commerce Commission regarding the cost of transporting second class mail matter was requested in a resolution introduced by Senator Clay.

Senator Brewster inquired when the judiciary committee would report his resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution providing for the election of senators by direct vote of the people.

Senator Clark (rep., Wyo.) said he could give no idea. The committee was crowded with work, but would consider the resolution whenever it could be reached.

The bill to create a Government Business Methods Commission was taken up to the Senate today. In reply to questions by Senator Barrett (rep., Neb.) and Smith (rep., Mich.) Senator Aldrich said it was proposed to save money by simplifying and improving government business methods. The commission, he said, would not interfere with any existing committee or perform any function except that of examination and advice.

Consideration was postponed until later in the day.

In an effort to amend the corporation tax law of the U. S. Supreme Court gave up the question of the constitutionality of the bill.

An amendment offered by Senator Hutton, requiring information to be based on sworn evidence was rejected and the bill passed without further debate.

HOUSE.

O. C. Dickerson, the newly elected member of the House of Representatives from the sixth district of Missouri, formerly represented by the late Judge DeArmond, was sworn in as a member of the House today.

An attempt of the courts to interfere with the rights and dignity of Congress is being made by the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, according to the House members of the committee on printing, which brought the matter to the attention of the House today.

The congressional committee on printing was said last week in the local courts by the Valley Paper Company, a concern which failed to get a contract for furnishing paper for congressional printing and several members have been summoned to appear in the court.

A resolution directing the House committee on the judiciary to report as to what action the House members of the committee should take in answer to the court was passed unanimously today.

A bill exempting labor unions from the operation of the anti-trust law was introduced by Mr. Hughes (dem., N. Y.). The recent decision against the hat makers in D. C. caused Mr. Hughes to introduce the bill at this time.

For the first time in many years the speaker of the House today refused to concur in a rule but put the matter in the hands of the members. The House got into a single on a request to consider a bill for unanimous consent and several propositions of order were put to the chair. The House discussed the matter for several hours.

Virginia News.

Miss Wilhelmina A. Smith, daughter of Mr. S. E. Smith, of Paxton, Loudoun county, was married last week to Maurice W. Fox, of Fairfax county. They will reside in Fairfax county.

Dispatches from Lynchburg state that Senator Daniel is improving, but under advice of his physician he has not been able to fix any time for returning to his duties in Washington or to go to Richmond to receive the official notification of his election.

The dead body of Rm Downing, 16 years old, who shot from ambush and killed Fred Williams, near Cape Charles, Monday night, was found in a field near the scene of the murder at a late hour Friday night. He had committed suicide by blowing out his brains with a shotgun. Downing and Williams were rivals for the hand of Ollie Watson.

The Massachusetts Business League at its annual Friday night entertained 150 guests. Among those present were Representative Charles M. V. Richards, industrial agent of the Southern Railway; Judge C. E. Nicol and Judge J. B. T. Thornton. Mr. Carlin spoke of the postal savings bank law as an assured fact, but said he was opposed to it, and advised his audience to stand by the state and national bank. He declared himself in favor of national appropriations for building country roads.

The Legislature.

Both houses on Saturday agreed on February 19 as a time limit for introducing new bills, with a proviso that measures may be presented after that date.

SENATE.

After all other bills had been introduced, Senator Strode sent to the clerk's desk his State-wide prohibition bill. The bill will be seen in another column.

The following bills went through and were given the final assent of the Senate: To authorize boards of supervisors to appropriate money for the erection of monuments to Confederate soldiers at county seats; to authorize counties to use State aid money for good roads for bridges instead; bill in regard to a minor change in the act in relation to State depositories; bill permitting certain persons to practice dentistry.

The amendments to the Constitution were passed over in the absence of their sponsor, Senator Halsey.

Bills were introduced to authorize an executor or administrator of a deceased person to execute on behalf of such deceased person a deed of real estate sold by such deceased person during lifetime under a written contract; to authorize and empower the board of supervisors of any county in this State, in their discretion, to contribute and expend annually out of the general county levy of the said county a sum of money for the purpose of promoting agricultural education; to authorize the governor of Virginia to appoint three representatives from this State as commissioners on uniform state laws, and appropriating certain funds towards defraying the expenses thereof and the general expenses of the conference of said commissioners; to provide that the adjutant general of the state militia be created ex-officio a member of the boards of visitors of the Virginia Military Institute and Virginia Polytechnic Institute; providing a method by which cities may vote upon the issuance of bonds for the erection of school buildings; to prevent deceptions upon and misappropriations of property in the possession of common carriers for transportation or delivery.

HOUSE.

A resolution offered in the House has for its purpose the permanent dedication of the old House and Senate chambers for committee purposes.

The bill punishing those who use profane language over a telephone was passed after the jail sentence had been withdrawn.

I developed that the House is in for a discussion of the bill extending State aid to the proposed Virginia Home and Industrial School for girls. At the moment when it was reached, and when some of the members wanted to adjourn, Mr. Williams, of Giles, stated that he intended to vigorously oppose the measure.

This bill appropriates 50 cents a day from the state treasury for every ward or incorrigible girl who becomes an inmate after the home is established.

The House bill appropriating certain amounts for the care of Confederate veterans having been amended in the Senate by the addition of certain sums, the amendment was agreed to.

The following House bills were then passed:

To authorize the taking of a new school census whenever the boundaries of a district are changed.

To allow incorporated towns to vote on the issue of bonds by magisterial districts for road purposes.

To establish a State board of embalming.

Among the new bills introduced was one appropriating \$50,000 for the proposed Gettysburg monument, including the design approved by the commission.

A playgrounds bill, providing public grounds for children in every town or city of more than 10,000 people was also introduced.

A resolution was proposed asking the United States government for the services of an expert to examine the unproductive lands, especially the swamp lands of the state, and to report where there exist lands which could be reclaimed and the probable cost.

Bills were introduced: To amend section 437-A of chapter 23 of the code relating to assessments of lands, lots, and interests therein and improvements thereon; to prohibit the catching of fish in certain waters, to be converted into fertilizer or oil; for the protection of public and the promotion of safety in the movement of trains by telegraph, telephone and signal service; to make persons license holders to prohibit persons from marrying within two years after divorce; to provide for the assessment and payment of omitted taxation taxes and of capital taxes of persons who become citizens after the last of February in any year; a joint resolution requiring our congressmen and senators to give the United States government seed experts to ascertain the number of unproductive acres of land in the state, etc.

The House committee on counties, cities and towns has decided to report the total bill favorably. The measure as finally adopted was accepted by the House and it is said that this will be the only statute on the Virginia law books which applies to commercial travelers.

KILLED HIS SON-IN-LAW.
In a duel with pistols fought near Carrollton, Ga., T. R. Johnson, a wealthy planter, killed his son-in-law, Henry Camp. The duel followed the elopement of Camp with Johnson's 18-year-old daughter. Camp eloped with Miss Johnson four days ago, taking her across the line into Alabama, where they were married. Johnson, who opposed the match, swore that he would make his daughter a widow if he ever met Camp.

Yesterday Camp and his bride were driving to church, when they met the girl's father. Johnson immediately began abusing Camp, and dared him to fight. Camp left his buggy, and both he and Johnson drew pistols and began firing. Johnson's first shot struck Camp in the heart, and he fell dead within a few feet of his bride. Johnson was not wounded. Mrs. Camp says she will prosecute her father.

A delegation of organized labor, a number of preachers and a number of others interested in child labor in the state of Virginia appeared before the committee on general laws of the House of Delegates today to enter their protest against the bill which provides that children under 14 years of age and women may work more than ten hours a day in the cotton mills of the state.

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Today's Telegraphic News

The Divorce Bill.
[Special dispatch to the Alexandria Gazette.]
Richmond, Feb. 7.—By an overwhelming vote the House today recommitted the divorce bill. This bill would lower the divorce bars in the state. It has passed the Senate. It now became public Friday and a popular protest resulted. The Baptist and Methodist ministers' meetings both passed condemnatory resolutions today. A meeting of the law reform committee of the State Bar Association has been called.

Deserted, Triss to Die.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 7.—A dispatch from London to the Times Dispatch says:—Florence Schenck Wilson, the beautiful Norfolk, Va., girl who eloped four years ago with Charles H. Wilson, manager of Alfred G. Vanderbilt's stable, attempted suicide Friday night in a West End hotel by taking chloral. She was saved from death only by an overdose, and is not yet out of danger. She is under the care of doctors and trained nurses, who will not permit anyone to see her, and who will not say whether she will live. She was found at 3 o'clock Saturday morning in a room. The attendants of the hotel were attracted by her cries, as she was suffering excruciating pain. A doctor was hurriedly summoned, and worked over her until daylight. Finally she rallied, and yesterday morning was somewhat stronger. She suffered a severe relapse yesterday, however, and last night was not so strong, her heart showing the effect of the drug. It is said she has been deserted by her husband and was despondent.

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The death of Mrs. Ruiz, who committed suicide here last May, had preyed on Mrs. Wilson's mind. She was alone with Mrs. Ruiz at the time the latter killed herself. Since that time Mrs. Wilson has frequently quarreled with Alfred Vanderbilt, who had refused to let where Wilson was. She finally went to Solicitor John E. Kever who she thought to sue Wilson for support. The marriage certificate is now in Kever's hands. It was recovered two years ago at Symmes Hill and she shows the name of Valeria Suratt as witness.

The Navy Scandal.
Boston, Feb. 7.—That Dr. Edward S. Cowles—for an attack upon whom at a navy hospital here Paymaster G. P. Auld, U. S. N., is believed to have been guilty of a brutal assault here last week, and, for shielding which attack, Post Assistant Surgeon Andrew Hamilton Bennett is being court-martialed here today—wanted to set the entire matter with a flat fight is expected to be brought out in testimony before night.

The allegation that Dr. Cowles himself urged an unlimited bout as a matter of the navy row, will be one of the claims of the Bennett defense. Bennett, it is declared, said the fight proposal would be fine, in a letter to Dr. Cowles, but the latter went no further with the matter. This letter is expected to be produced at the court-martial today.

Advertisements by Dr. Cowles that Miss Madeline Swift, daughter of Admiral Swift, was the real center of the navy yard row and that it was to avenge his declaration that Auld was the cause of her breaking off her marriage to Harry Duer Sizer of Atlanta, Ga., are strenuously denied today by Mrs. Frederick A. Swift sister of Miss Swift.

Miss D. Ruby Healer the Chicago girl whose photograph was the apparatus of the navy yard row is expected to appear today in belief of Dr. Bennett, who is said to be her fiancé.

Opening his testimony Dr. Cowles, rehearsed the incidents of the navy "chop" given in the residence of Medical Inspector H. E. Ames, who he said he alleged to have been Paymaster G. P. Auld in an attack.

He said that Bennett joined in the attack but had struck no blow.

Depressed Market.
New York, Feb. 7.—The "spectre of Federal intervention," although "distant" so far as official Washington is concerned, hung over the stock market today with the result that at noon conditions bordering on demoralization prevailed. All of the standard stocks, the Harriman, Steel, Reading, Smelters and most of the industrials were under the severest pressure, and values sold off from three to five points below Saturday's close.

The bear element was in absolute control and, although there was several attempts to interfere by the bull leaders and check the declining, these all proved abortive and the downward movement continued. So far as the floor brokers could learn there was no real cause for the drop. Inactive issues followed with the standards. Southern Railway preferred being off four points and Westinghouse 3.

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News of the Day.

Employees of the Bethlehem Steel Works decided to strike against the open shop proposition.

"Big Tim" Sullivan, the Bowery leader, distributed 5,500 pairs of shoes, according to his annual custom.

The Philadelphia shirtwaist strike is over. The girls will go back to the shops and wages will be adjusted later.

Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont has invited negro women of the state to join the Political Equality Club of which she is president.

The indications are that Premier Asquith, of England, may be forced out of office by an aggressive element in his own party.

Bishop Chapin, of Nice, France, has instructed priests in his diocese to cooperate with the public school teachers, instead of opposing them.

The German Reichstag adopted, without debate, on Saturday, the bill approving the government's tariff arrangement with the United States.

The schooner Carrie A. Norton went ashore two miles from False Cape lifesaving station. Captain Brown and the crew were rescued yesterday by life savers during a severe gale.

Walter J. McDonald, who has been defying the sheriff's posse since Thursday night, when he barricaded himself in his house in Walker, Minn., after shooting Howard Sexton, committed suicide Saturday by shooting.

Further discussion by Japanese statesmen of the recent proposal of the United States for neutralization of the railroads in Manchuria shows that they have strenuous objections to giving up what is claimed to be the harvest of the war with Russia.

The jury in the case of Mrs. Jeanette Stewart Ford, charged with blackmailing Charles L. Warner, after being out 24 hours, failed to reach a verdict, and was discharged by Judge Sizing. In the balloting eight jurors stood out for acquittal and four for conviction.

Dormitories at Gallaudet College, in Washington, so constituted for the deaf and dumb, were damaged to the extent of \$20,000; their contents, valued at \$5,000, were destroyed, and Fireman Richard Tolson, of No. 1 Truck Company, was slightly injured in a fire which swept the buildings about 1:30 o'clock yesterday.

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TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Major General Leonard Wood, U. S. A., is at the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, in a serious condition. It is believed he will have to be operated upon.

An over-looked stove pipe caused a fire last night which destroyed the large "P. G." coal oil tower at Bridge No. 4 crossing the Christina river, near Wilmington, Del., causing a loss of \$15,000.

Harmer O. Coope shot and killed his mother-in-law, Mrs. L. O. Coope, shot his wife in the head and then committed suicide at Indianapolis today. Coope's wife had been living with her parents.

Fire starting in the dynamo room today gutted the main building of the Delaware Steel Company's plant at Chester, Pa., with the ruining of the metal in the two 100-ton furnaces, which were charged last night. The total loss is estimated at \$100,000.

The body of a woman, found buried under the flooring of the basement of the apartment house 178 West 178 West 94th street, New York, was identified as that of Mrs. Agnes Anderson, wife of a former janitor of the building, and the police assert that she was murdered and her body buried.